To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Machine-Actionable Data Elements in RDA Chapter 3:
Discussion Paper

CILIP thanks ALA for its discussion paper.

CILIP agrees the topic is very interesting and very important for the future development of RDA.

Enhanced machine actionable physical description data will be important for linked data, planning, marketing, etc. and will generally benefit users of RDA. No other bibliographic metadata application has such a detailed approach to quantitative data. Using controlled vocabularies for the description of extent should make it easier and more efficient to create such metadata.

CILIP agrees that improving machine-actionability of RDA data is important for preparing RDA to meet future needs.

CILIP notes that any revision of RDA in this area needs to be tied into to the RDA/ONIX framework and would require a major overhaul of RDA, possibly a 3/5 year project. The Task Force's proposal will affect the RDA Element Set as well as the RDA instructions.

CILIP suggests that it might be useful to obtain the views of the LMS vendor community.

CILIP supports further discussion and action on this paper.